

Improving Lives Select Commission Chair's Briefing for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting on 1st July, 2026

Items covered since the last update meeting:-

- Improving Lives held its meeting on 9th June, 2026 and the following items were considered:-

- Corporate Parenting Partnership Board Update – Members received a verbal update following the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board meeting held on 5th May, 2026.

Members welcomed the update and the positive information that was shared.

- Kinship Local Offer Annual Update

Members received an update on the first annual review of the Kinship Local Offer and received clarification from officers to answer their many questions. As a result a further two recommendations with the first seeking to reflect consideration being given to including notifications to Ward Members and aiding via Community Leadership Funds when Support Groups were expanded into local areas. The second sought further information on the uptake of trauma training for Kinship Carers, the numbers offered, percentage of take up and any feedback when take up was declined.

- Expert at Hand Model (Linked to the SEND Reform Plan)

Members received the report which outlined the national policy context, the rationale for system reform and the specific design and delivery model being implemented in Rotherham. It also sets out the expected impact of the model, including improved inclusive practice, better attendance and engagement and more sustainable demand across the SEND system.

Members questioned and challenged the content at length and on receiving responses were satisfied with the EAH delivery model being received and the contents endorsed.

Work Programme 2026-27:-

The Work Programme was currently under development and an update would be shared with Improving Lives Members at the next scheduled meeting.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:-

21st July, 2026

- Rotherham SEND Reform Plan (Pre-Scrutiny prior to be considered by Cabinet on 14th September, 2026) – single agenda item.